

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 10-14.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action, as will be explained below.

Claims 10-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Oomori et al (U.S. 6,815,144).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants were denied the benefit of their Japanese priority application to antedate Oomori because:

claim 10 claims **1-20 parts** by weight of an acid-generating compound which is an onium salt compound having fluoroalkyl sulfonate as the anionic constituent whereas the Japanese priority document cites (see [0017]) the amount of the acid-generating ingredients to be **1-10 parts by weight** per 100 parts by weight of the resinous ingredient.

In view of the above amendment, however, the amount of acid-generating ingredients is exactly that supported by the Japanese priority application.

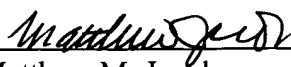
Accordingly, the rejection on Oomori is untenable and should be withdrawn.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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